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SUBJECT: GATT ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS: CITRUS AND TOBACCO

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1. ECON-COMM MINISTER CONTACTED GUAZZARONI, DIRECTOR GENERAL
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MFA AT 1:00 P.M. LOCAL MARCH 21 TO FOLLOW UP ON
ITALIAN POSITION ON CITRUS AND TOBACCO. GUAZZARONI SAID HE HAD
RECEIVED ORTONO'S TELEGRAM (REF A) MARCH 19 AND HAD TALKED
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TO HIM ON TELEPHONE.

2. GUAZZARONI TOLD ECMIN THAT ABSENCE AGMIN OFFICIALS IN BRUSSELS FOR COUNCIL MEETING HAD PREVENTED MAKING ANY PROGRESS ON TOBACCO. HE WAS AWARE THAT MINAG IS CONSIDERING A NEW PROPOSAL. ON CITRUS HE COULD CONFIRM THAT GOI IS PREPARED TO EXTEND THE DUTY REDUCTION PERIOD SEVERAL WEEKS. ECMIN REPLIED THAT HAS UNDERSTANDING, REACHED BETWEEN FERRARI-AGRADDI AND AMBASSADOR MALMGREN, FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION. GUAZZARONI SAID ORTONA HAD MADE THIS POINT IN HIS TELEGRAM REPORTING HIS CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR EBERLE, BUT THAT FERRARI-AGRADDI IS OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT. ECMIN ASKED GUAZZARONI WHETHER GOI CONSIDERS THAT DEPARTURE FERRARI-AGRADDI RELEASES IT FROM HIS UNDERTAKING. GUAZZARONI REPLIED THAT IN ABSENCE MINAG OFFICIALS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH THE SUBJECT. HE HAD TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO REACH THEM BY TELEPHONE YESTERDAY IN BRUSSELS

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3. GUAZZARONI HAD HEARD FROM ORTONA THAT AMBASSADOR EBERLE IS LEAVING TODAY MARCH 21 FOR BRUSSELS TO TALK TO SOAMES. ECMIN STRESSED THAT DEADLOCK ON CITRUS AND TOBACCO, EVEN IF TEMPORARY, COULD UNDERMINE BASIS FOR AMB. EBERLE'S DISCUSSIONS. GUAZZARONI SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE TIGHT TIMING HE FEELS STRONGLY THAT FAILURE FOR ESSENTIALLY TECHNICAL REASONS TO MAKE PROGRESS ON CITRUS AND TOBACCO SHOULD NOT IMPEDE EBERLE-SOAMES DISCUSSION AND ASKED ECMIN TO INFORM AMB. EBERLE OF HIS VIEW. VOLPE

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